



February 15, 2016

Dear Homeowner,

This is a special invitation for you to attend our FIREWISE **"How To Have A FIREWISE HOME"** event to be held at the Pontotoc County MSU Extension Building, 402 C. J. Hardin Drive, Pontotoc, Mississippi on **Thursday, February 25, 2016.**

Registration will begin at 5:30 p.m. The program will begin promptly at 6:00 a.m. and end at 8:00 p.m.

Local sponsors of this program are the Pontotoc County Soil & Water Conservation District (SWCD), Pontotoc County Forestry Association, Pontotoc County MSU Extension Service and the North Central Mississippi RC&D Council.

This is a new initiative led by the Mississippi Forestry Commission to achieve fire safe planning and development in our communities where homes are frequently damaged or destroyed by wild fire.

The ***"HOW TO HAVE A FIREWISE HOME"*** program is a program targeted to bring together citizens, business and community leaders involved in planning, financing, building, sustaining and protecting communities in the wildland/urban interface. Participants will learn about why homes burn, various wildland fuel reduction techniques, and how to assess the fire danger of their own homes.

Pre-registration is needed by February 24, 2016 to get a head count for the meal. **Please call (662)-489-3563 Ext. 3 or stop by the Pontotoc County USDA Service Center-NRCS Office at 188 Hwy. 15 South, Pontotoc, Mississippi.**

We believe that this program may have a significant impact in protecting your home from wild fire. There is no charge for your participation and a meal will be provided.

We value your participation in the program and look forward to seeing you. If you have any questions, please feel free to call the Pontotoc County SWCD Office at 662-489-3563 Ext. 3.

Registered Foresters attending the this program will be eligible for 2.0 CFE Hours Category II, Professional Logging Managers will receive 2 hours in Category II and Realtors will receive 3.0 hours of elective Real Estate Course (10181), Volunteer and Paid Fire Fighters attending this meeting will be eligible to receive a 2 hours training certificate.

Sincerely,

T. Neal Anderson

Dr. T. Neal Anderson
Chairman
Pontotoc County SWCD

Jimmy Robbins

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